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Southern Pacific 9010 receives new truck



Photo by Lynn-Kai Chao

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As many of you know, Brightside yard was closed on Thursday, May 12. The reason for the closure was the presence of two 275 ton cranes that were employed to lift the 9010.

We removed both trucks, replaced the body suspension springs on the front truck and then re-installed it along with the rebuilt rear truck.

The locomotive now has a complete rear drive train which it has not had since 1968. Replacement of all eight of the broken and weak suspension springs has resulted the 9010 sitting square on the rails with proper clearances at both ends.

There is a 9010 web site update with photos of the event at:

<http://sp9010.ncry.org/trucks2.html#051616>

Howard

More photos and story on Pages 8 & 9



OUR MISSION: To be an operating railroad museum for standard gauge railroading, past, present and future, with emphasis on the Western United States and special emphasis on Northern California.

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

June 4	1st Saturday	Beer Tasting Train
June 11	2nd Saturday	Board of Directors Meeting, 3 p.m. (Sunol Depot)
June 17	3rd Friday	General Meeting, 7 p.m. (Sunol Glen School)
June 18	3rd Saturday	Beer Tasting Train
June 25	4th Saturday	Brush Cutting, 8 a.m. (Brightside)
June 25	4th Saturday	Recert Class (Brightside)

All General Meetings take place at the Sunol Glen School in Sunol, meetings are held in January, March, May, June, July, and October, but can be subject to cancellation.

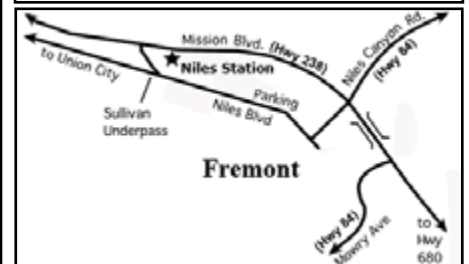
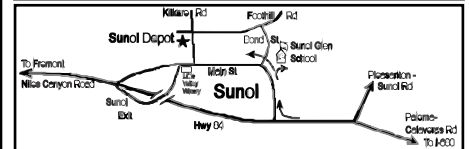
Every Wednesday and Saturday is a WORK DAY at the Brightside Yard

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The deadline for submitting articles and photos for next month's issue of The Club Car is the **20th of this month**. Submitting articles is easy by e-mail in MS Word™ text format.

Send e-mail to:
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Digital photos may also be submitted on digital media or by e-mail. Electronic images should be saved as PC format .jpg files with minimal compression (i.e., average to excellent quality). A text file with the photo number, description of photo and identifying the people in them is required.

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President's Report

Last month I talked about interfacing with students at the 2nd and 3rd grade level. This month, more students. But these were Junior and Senior Architecture Students at the California College of Art in San Francisco. I was approached earlier this year by their Adjunct Professors Lourdes Garcia and our very own Randall Ruiz, of AAA Architecture. Randy is the quasi-official architect for the PLA, and has helped out tremendously with the improvements at both Niles and Sunol.

These students were required to do a final project, and Randy had suggested a Railroad Museum ala the CSRM facility in Sacramento, except this one would be situated on the vacant land at the East end of the Niles property (both the PLA land and the Wong parcels along Mission Boulevard.) They needed the extra land so they wouldn't have to deal with site restrictions, although as they found out, trains take up an inordinate amount of room.

I met with the teams out in the canyon one Saturday for a site survey and a cram course in Railroading. We examined the site in Niles at length, and the students were able to get up close and personal with track structures and how they impact space. We also toured Farwell Bridge and Brightside Yard. One of the students brought a camera drone and took aerial photos that would help the students envision the site. He also got a 'crash' course in the travails of Niles Canyon when a tree along Farwell Bridge reached out and grabbed his drone, sending it falling to the creek below. He was able to recover the carcass, so a few replacement parts and it would be good as new. (I have an inexpensive camera drone, and have learned it is best to buy the replacement parts in bulk.)

Besides just designing a building, the students had to incorporate all of the 'mundane' features a modern building requires – ease of access, illumination, energy efficiency, heating and cooling, environmental footprint, and the overall experience of the museum – how best



Design by Eva Lai and Mitchell Price



Design by Wut Htwe and Joseph Chang

to tell the railroading story to the general public. Very detailed and thorough.

I attended their final public review where their projects were judged by a panel of experts. The students (who worked as teams of two) presented their projects very professionally, complete with 3D models and drawings that showed the various trajectories their thought processes followed.

I was extremely impressed with the end results. While the projects are beyond the scope of the PLA dreams for Niles, there are a number of interesting and innovative ideas we may be able to use in the future. One team had a proposal that used a transfer table at one end of the facility to form the entrance to the building. Another used a trio of 'spirals' to create the flow for the trains inside the building. Innovative materials, innovative lighting, innova-

tive methods to get above and below the trains. Pretty darn cool.

I asked Randy to procure the student's permission to share the images above so you can see just a few of the project's many aspects. I don't think the project created any new generation rail fans, but I do believe the students got exposure to something that was definitely outside the 'run of the mill' projects.

June is Election Month, and every year there are a few Voting members who fail to return their ballots. We can use more voting members, so contact Membership Secretary Peter Midnight if you want to become more involved in the organization.

Respectfully submitted
Henry Baum

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Along the Right of Way

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

For the month of May, the NCRY had a lot of activity take place. The canyon is in full bloom from past rains and good weather. This made for a perfect time for a survey train chartered by AECOM to take another look at the right of way for future expansion for mainline use. The trip took most of the day which saw several stops to look at bridges, rock formations and soil movement. The train originated in Niles and moved East toward Hearst and then back to Niles. On the return trip, the train ran into a motorcycle accident that took place close to our right of way at Farwell with all the emergency rescue units on site stopping the train until the accident scene was cleared. All in all, the trip was a good one with all looking at a few areas of interest.

On May 12, the big day had arrived for the long awaited lift of the KM9010 off of its trucks which the front one really

needed some work and adjustments. The rear truck was to be replaced with a rebuilt upgraded truck. Peninsula Crane was contracted to do the lift with two large cranes. Brightside was in a shutdown mode with Henry Baum holding down the check point to make sure only those that were to be part of the lift were let in. This was done because of the exact movements that were required and we did not want any distractions. After all was set up, the few that showed up were let in to go down to Blake's Palace to observe the activity. There were several guests that came from overseas and other US cities that were part of the work to take place on the engine. The lift of the KM 9010 was done without incident, the work that was needed to be done got done and the lowering of the engine was perfect. Couldn't ask for anything better when it comes to a crane lift. You

might say that this lift was the major step forward in making this engine a rebuild to operate from a cosmetic make over. Howard Wise and his crew need a big thumbs up for a well thought out operation and execution of the lift. Also a fantastic lift job by the crane crews of Peninsula Crane.

Now we have the means of producing ballast from old dirty ballast which we have been doing nicely on the East end of the railroad. This all is being done by Steve Barkkarie digging out the right of way so that it can be back-filled with clean ballast and that leads the way for placement of track panels. Wonderful in the way that works, "Your PLA dollars at work". One of Steve's Grad-All's will be moved from Brightside to Verona by truck so it can be used for positioning of the track panels. Meanwhile, the Burro crane will have some cross brace welding done on it to bring it up to full



Photo by Dexter Day

The replacement cushions for the 1949 for this year's TOL.



Photo by Dexter Day

Six new tables for the outside patio effect for Bones open end. We already have the chairs. The new chairs are bought for the Diner.



Photo by Dexter Day

Henry and survey group returning to the train after a look at Dresser Bridge.

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Photo by Dexter Day

Steve continues East producing ballast for rail panels.

lifting strength. All this will be taking place in June.

Next time you are sitting in the SP 1949 coach, take a look at the replacement seats in the car. Take a look, but don't dwell too long on them. These are not new seats. These seats have the same wear as the other ones did minus about 26 years of use in active service. The car has minor seam flaws throughout the car. Thanks to Dennis Mann and helpers, the replacement seats are in place in the car. For the WP 315 coach, time is running out before the deadline on the Train of Lights, which is the end of August. The WP 315 will

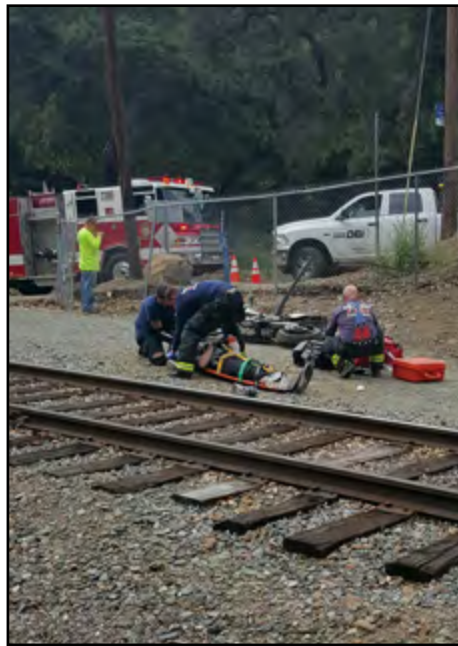


Photo by Dexter Day

Motorcycle crash at Farwell stopping the AECOM charter for a while. Cycle missed turn and hit dirt mound and went straight up in air. Injured rider.

be contracted out to have the seats that are in it removed and replaced with SP dual coach seats which once again, they are not new seats, but in good shape and look a lot better than what is in the car. This will be the money we will be spending on this car this year before the TOL. The double articulated coaches are about ready to receive their new air conditioning/heating units. This will be the big expense item for these cars this year. Tom Crawford's Wednesday crew are working on the restrooms on the double articulated. This car has a good chance to be complete in about a year.

Steve Jones and Linda Stanley were able to pick up four real nice tables and sixty dining chairs. The tables are perfect for the Bones open deck area with captain chairs around them. These tables and chairs will need to be kept under cover when not used. The sixty dining chairs will be the chairs used in the Diner. These chairs will replace the green chairs that are in the car at this time.

I will hold a makeup Recertification class for those that could not make the other ones. The class will be held on June 25th in the White House at Brightside beginning at 9:00 am. Also there will be a Brakeman Class July 16 /17 at 9:00 am at the White House. See the ad posted. Put your name in at traincrews@comcast.net to reserve spot in the classes.

That is it for this month. Have a safe one and hope to see you along the right of way.

Dexter D. Day



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NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Verona receives new gate across track

The new gate across the track at Verona replaces the old County farm gate that had impaired clearance, and is one of two new side gates that replaced the previous wire fence.

The two gates adjacent to Sunol-Pleasanton Road at Verona will now allow large trucks and equipment to be able to completely turn around in one direction while entering the right-of-way.

Mike Strider



The signal crew (and visitors) preparing the signal house for use when the new warning devices are installed at the Pleasanton-Sunol Road crossing.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER? START HERE!

VOLUNTEER HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED

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Membership Report

Voting Members please take notice: Tony Peters has applied to become a Voting Member of the PLA. He has met the requirements spelled out in the bylaws. A vote on making Tony a Voting Member will be taken at the General Meeting on June 17. Please see the Activities Calendar in this issue.

This will be the second new Voting Member we have voted on in as many months. That's a good thing. The members with voting authority in the PLA do not include everybody who joined just for the free train rides, but they also are not limited to only a few old men who like trains. The Voting Members of PLA are a self-selected group of people who have shown and continue to show a commitment to the continuing success of our organization. These are people who have chosen the responsibility of Voting Membership and who have been welcomed into that role by their peers. If you would like

to become a Voting Member, yourself, please contact me.

This has also been a good month for new memberships. Our 30 new members this month are Stuart Adams, Wayne Stoddard, Lynn-Kai Chao, the family of Janardhan Jampala, Srivanthi Chirumamilla, and Suryanahu Jampala, the family of Morgan Segal, Makiko Kanzaki, Kai Segal, and Gabrielle Lejano, the family of Holly, Eugene, Alexander, and Theodore Kim, the family of Terri, George, Michael, and Mikayla Luannou, the family of Vivek, Laxmi, Vihaan, and Yuhaan Chokhani, the family of Walter Crone and Phil Kimura, the family of Mark Nguyen and Chau Huynh, and the family of Manoj and Vishalini Joseph, Manoj Sebastian, and Aswathy Manoj. Please make them welcome among us.

Let's hope that for at least some of those new members, this will be the beginning of a much bigger part of their lives than just some free train rides and social events. Those will be the ones who have just now found where they belong. And we are lucky to have them!

Peter Midnight

Treasurer's Report

Paul Veltman, Treasurer

April 2016 Treasurer's Report

A total of \$237 in donations was received in April. Donors were Dickey, Andrew Goodson, Jack Living Trust, Charles Jellison, Lawrence Livermore National Labs, Nancy Peterson and Jean-Pol Zundel. And we thank you for your generosity.

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TRAINING CLASSES TO BE HELD

JUNE 25 TH RECERTIFICATION MAKE UP CLASS FOR T & E CREWS

9:00 AM AT THE WHITE HOUSE

JULY 16 - 17 TH STUDENT BRAKEMAN TRAINING CLASS

FOR MEMBERS THAT WOULD
LIKE TO BE TRAIN CREW
PHYSICAL CONDITION

(MUST BE ABLE TO STEP UP ON STEPS)
(MUST BE ABLE TO CLIMB LADDERS
AND BEND DOWN)

9:00 AM AT THE WHITE HOUSE

TO RESERVE SPOT IN CLASS
CONTACT PAT WARREN
traincrews@comcast.net
1-650/ 369-0414



NILES CANYON RAILWAY



Photo by Lynn-Kai Chao



Thursday, May 12, 2016 was a major milestone in the life and restoration of PLA's last-of-its-kind Krauss-Maffei diesel-hydraulic, SP 9010. Under the precise direction and intense pre-planning of Crew Chief Howard Wise, ably assisted by Lead Volunteer Machinist Bill Stimmerman, "9010 Lift Day" went off without a hitch. (Unless you include the secure "hitches" between 9010's 106-ton chassis and the two Link-Belt 275-ton cranes rented for the day from Peninsula Crane & Rigging!)

The object of all that air under the KM was twofold: one, to install the refurbished and fully-geared rear truck we obtained from a salvage yard in Europe, allowing SP 9010 to run one day under its own power. And two, Howard and crew took this opportunity to replace all of the big hydraulic's tired helical springing with fresh parts, also obtained with the "new" truck.

Photo by Bob Zenk

Left, Howard Wise prepares the refurbished geared rear truck for installation under SP 9010. More than just hopes were hanging high that Thursday!

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Photo by Lynn-Kai Chao

The lift itself was so well-planned and so professionally handled by PLA and crane crews that it lacked most of the nerves and drama that were felt in the weeks leading up to this critically-timed operation. Because the crane clocks were ticking, this compound action was orchestrated like a NASCAR pit stop: both existing trucks were pulled back, the “new” truck spotted in place, and the front truck wheeled into the Car Shop for prep and cleaning before it received new springs and was wheeled back into place.

Bottom line: the trucks and springs fit like they were designed to, the locomotive now sits level with the pilot at proper height above the rail, the springing is once again “live” — and the day was a 100% success. Kudos to Howard, the 9010 crew, and PLA volunteers. It was a class act, befitting this irreplaceable artifact. And for the first time in 47 years, SP 9010’s rear wheels are geared, and connected to its unique hydraulic power train.

Bob Zenk

Photo by Elrond Lawrence

Right: top row, Gerry Feeney, Dennis Mann, Crew Chief Howard Wise, David Hambleton. Bottom row: Rich Anderson, Bill Stimmerman, Dick Charpentier, Bob Zenk, Rob Fern, Dick Harley, Rich Alexander.



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9AM in the morning the 9010 team anticipates the arrival of the 2 cranes that will lift it off its trucks.



The cranes have arrived and they hook up the newly refurbished truck to weigh it to make sure the cranes can handle the load. Comes out to 40k lbs.



The new springs are going in.

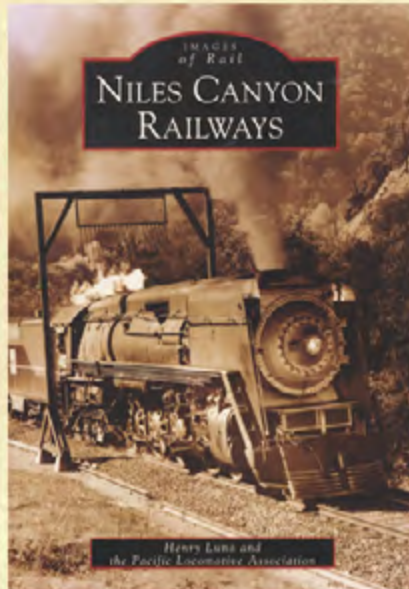


The team also removes and cleans out the rear truck springs and will mount them to the refurbished truck.



After weighing the truck the crane crew begins to hook up 9010.

Discover the History of the Niles Canyon Railway



Meet The Author
&
Past President
Ask Questions
Get Books Signed



Book Signing Event with
Henry and Connie Luna
Sunday June 5, 2016
Sunol Depot - Gift Shop
10:00AM to 3:00PM

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Did you know you are on the Marketing Committee?

Hi there, welcome to the Marketing Committee! What? You say you didn't sign up for the Marketing Committee? But, you're a member of the Niles Canyon Railway, aren't you? And why are you a member? Oh, because you enjoy riding the trains for free.....well, do you enjoy that enough to tell other people about it? Oh, you enjoy working out at the yard or on tracks; you say it's better and cheaper than a gym membership? Well, don't you want other people to know about that? Oh, you enjoy helping in the snack bar on the train, and decorating for the Train of Lights? Don't you want to mention this to other people and they might



enjoy it too? Oh, you volunteer at the station or the depot. Don't you want to let people know about new events that are happening from month to month and have more people come and ride with us?

We need to talk to people; we need to tell them what we do and why we do it. We need to get new riders and new members. We need to promote our Train of Lights, our Beer on the Rails, our Wine Tasting Specials, our Hot August Night on the Rails, our Speeder Rides, our Education and Summer Fridays' rides. We need to talk, and

smile, and tell people why we are doing what we are doing. I look forward to coming on Sundays and working with my extended family, laughing, joking, talking, and telling our passengers about our organization, and why it's so much fun to be a part of it. If you recognize the same passengers from month to month buying tickets or riding the train, ask them about joining. "You come so often, you might be interested in a membership; you get to ride for free." Tell them what the perks are,

and then if they have time to volunteer, it's even better for them, and our railway. We need to always be ready to promote, always be ready to greet and offer a membership, always be ready to make a new friend and welcome them to the family of the Niles Canyon Railway. If you don't enjoy it, then why are you a member? If you do enjoy it, then spread the word and let people know why you enjoy it. And...welcome to the Marketing Committee!

donna alexander



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No outside food or beverage.
Non-alcoholic beverages are provided*

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Wednesday Maintenance of Way

From freezing cold to melting heat and even some rain, this intrepid band did play well during the past month! I guess the side trips to Hawaii, Kansas and other points out east helped rejuvenate the soul and erase the mind enough that people come back rested and ready for more ;-)

Along with the regular players: Ron Thomas, Pat Hafey, Gregg McNaughton, Pat Stratton, Steve Lowe, Greg LaFramboise, John Zielinski, Hal Briar, Bob Pratt and yours truly, we also had appearances by Steve Jones, Steve Barkkarie and Frank Fontes!

From big to small this merry band worked on:

- two broken bolts and a 3 inch gap.
- compressor to replace some bad hose and add some oil.
- firing up the Tie Extractor to see what shape it is in so we could get it up to fighting weight. After its long period of rest, the diesel fired up on the second try! Next we will move it to where we can actually extract a tie or two.
- getting soaked in a deluge while looking for a couple of defects that a nearsighted foreman thought were still "out there"! Of course, he was sitting in the safety of Blake's Palace enjoying the deluge in relative comfort.
- welded the broken step off of Big Bird and replaced same.
- painted USA markings along the ROW in preparation for adding a couple of Mileposts (37 & 38) along with whistle posts where (Dresser Westbound approach, Brightside Westbound approach, Hayfield crossing, Sunol/Pleasanton road Eastbound approach) they were removed and/or missing.
- cleaned the CASE fuel tank in preparation of a pressure test to find the leak. Leaks were found and tank will be replaced!
- replacing the worn out trackmatt material at Sunol station.
- put a second coat of brown paint on the two new whistle



Photo by Joe Peterson

Here is a close-up of the rubber mats that Rich Alexander (with a little help from WEDMOW) has been installing in Sunol.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Rich Alexander created these wooden assemblies so the Brakemen would have a solid surface to put the steps on so our patrons would be safe.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Steve Jones setup our "Roadwork Ahead" sign to warn both drivers and cyclists of our presence alongside the highway.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Removing slash piled alongside the highway are Gregg McNaughton, Bob Pratt, Hal Briar, Pat Stratton and Steve Jones.

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Wednesday Maintenance of Way



Photo by Joe Peterson

At the end of every trip there is the requisite line-up of photographers. . .



Photo by Joe Peterson

Long lines are a hallmark of our School Trains as students prepare to board and enjoy an hour long trip on the Niles Canyon Railway.



Photo by Joe Peterson

Our snack bar might be closed but any teacher worth their salt will have arranged for snacks for the hungry hoard of munchkins.

posts we are preparing.

And then it hit 92 degrees when "they" said it would only hit 89! The nerve...

The plan was to take Steve J.'s truck and the Stakebed onto the highway and pickup slash that was piled after the last trim along our fence. This would then be carted to the Brightside crossing for chipping onto the hillside. Sounds simple enough, doesn't it? We thought so too. Then reality came into play.

Everything was fine until we had to extricate the Chipper Set from the east end of the MOW lead. Pulled out Mongo, Big Bird, Tie Handler, Ballast Car and a bunch of flats. The running Fairmont Tamper hasn't moved yet. The running (off and on) Tamper was going to stay that way for the next couple of hours while folks poured over it trying to figure out why the brakes wouldn't release!

It was decided that the main body of workers would go get the slash while work continued on the Tamper and we would extricate the Chipper Set later or some other time, whenever it decided to co-operate. All the slash was removed to the crossing by lunch and the team of surgeons had the patient ambulatory enough to get out of the way and let us move the Chipper Set after lunch and chip the pile.

If you are tired of reading about other people having all this fun, come out to Brightside any Wednesday by 8 am in work clothes with water and lunch to join in the fray.

Until next time, play safe and have a good time!

Joe Peterson



Photo by Joe Peterson

Not as crowded as it can be but everyone is enjoying the great outdoors on a great train ride!

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

Niles Canyon Railway Celebration 4th of July Picnic

STEAM TRAIN RIDE & BBQ

We invite you and yours to our annual 4th of July Steam Train Ride through beautiful Niles Canyon and then on to a fantastic barbeque in the Sunol Depot Gardens. Bring your partner, friend or potential new members to experience vintage railroading at its best!



DONATE ITEMS FOR OUR RAFFLE at the Sunol Depot, any Sunday in June during train operations (7, 14, 21, 28). Share your cooking, crafts, gardening, kid's interest, music, and railfan items. We need them early so we can create wonderful selections. - Gail Hedberg, 510.207.5524 or marketing2@ncry.org

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Help at the BBQ!

- Set up popup tents the afternoon before; take them down afterward.
- Sell raffle tickets.
- Set up food, prep salads & melons & corn, cook/bbq.
- Organize and plan activities (egg race, bean bag toss, three legged race, etc.)
- Clean up

For more info, contact:
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Monday, July 4 2016, Sunol Depot

10am: Head West! PACIFIC EXPRESS departs Sunol to tour scenic Niles Canyon to Niles, with photo run-by on return trip.

12pm: Time for a Feast! When the train arrives in Sunol, enjoy a fabulous bbq with a terrific **raffle** and **silent auction**. Enjoy mesquite-grilled Italian sausage, chicken, eggplant, zucchini, corn on the cob, 3-bean and green salads (with SP dressing), bread & butter, melon, wine, beer, lemonade, iced tea, & sodas.

Ticket orders must be postmarked, or ordered on the website, by June 25.
All tickets will be held at "Will Call" - pick up at Sunol Depot, or at the BBQ.

___ **\$10/members**, ___ **\$15/guests** and ___ **\$5/children (3-12)**. (Add \$5 per ticket at the door, or if ordered by mail and postmarked after June 25.)

Order on the members' website: <http://tinyurl.com/2016-pla-Bbq>. Log in with your username and password (required), go to Calendar and click on the July 4 event.

Order by mail:

Name _____
Phone (____) _____ email: _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ Check enclosed ("PLA Commissary Dept.") Mail to: PLA Commissary Dept., P.O. Box 515, Sunol, CA 94586-0515. Picnic Ticket Information: David Ernest: 925.551.7772 davern@pacbell.net

NILES CANYON RAILWAY

The following is a list of the people who helped run your railroad in **April**. Names in Bold are new members, first timers, or the first time in a long time. If you are new to volunteering on the railroad, please print your name clearly on the sign in sheet so it can be read. You can also send hours by e-mail to Paul Veltman at: stumpie1@sbcglobal.net.

Note that if I can't read your writing, you may not get credit for the hours you worked.

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Henry Baum
Dexter Day
Joe Scardino
Paul Veltman

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Dexter Day
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Jim Gilmore
Gail Hedberg
Kent Hedberg
Curt Hoppins
Dave Lion
Dennis Mann
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Tony Peters
Joe Scardino
Linda Stanley
Doug Vanderlee

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Dave Keene
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Pat Warren
Pete Willis

GIFT SHOP

Gail Hedberg

GIFT SHOP

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TRAIN CREW

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Kent Hedberg
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Mike Roque
Bill Ross
Andrew Roth
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Ted Unruh
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Dave Lion
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Jim Stewart

MECHANICAL DEPT.

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Mike Pechner
Bill Ross
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OTHER

Don Buchholz
Zonker Harris
Barry Lependorf
Ray Strong
Paul Veltman

Niles Canyon Railway wants you!

It's not often we have a variety of Positions available at the same time on the Niles Canyon Railway from M of W, Commissary, engine wiper or qualify for train or engine crew. A Broad spectrum of jobs and the interest and talents of our many members are looking for a match. If you are interested, Contact:

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Photo by Jim Evans

A KM powered an SP passenger train once and that was for a PLA excursion in April of 1967. Here is the train westbound on Altamont Pass running on track that has now been removed.